GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether quantity and quality of fertilizers being supplied to farmers by the Government and Government aided factories does not fulfil their requirement;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that farmers get fertilizers as per their need and requirements;

(c) whether the Government aided factories are showing exaggerated datas of fertilizer production for getting subsidy whereas actual production is far less than their claims;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the fertilizers factories run by the Government are getting closed one after another as they are announced sick;

(f) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(g) the number of fertilizer plants closed till-date and their capacity?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) No, Sir, Fertilizers are being supplied to farmers as per specifications indicated in the Fertilizer Control Order 1985 and as per requirement assessed for each crop season namely Kharif and Rabi.

(b) In case of urea and DAP, any gap between assessed demand and indigenous production is being met through imports. In the absence of commercially exploitable potash sources in the country, the entire demand of potassic fertilizers for direct application as well as for production of complex fertilizers is met through imports.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.

(HFC), Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) are sick companies and referred to BIFR. The Government had decided to close down these companies on 5.9.2002.

(f) & (g) The following 11 urea plants of the companies are presently closed/under shutdown due to various reasons, inter-alia, on account of technological obsolescence, feedstock limitation, non-viability of unit/company and heavy financial losses:

Sl.No.	Name of the Company/Unit	Annual Installed Capacity (In Lakh MT)
1	FCI: Gorakhpur	2.85
2	FCI: Ramagundam	4.95
3	FCI: Talcher	4.95
4	FCI: Sindri	3.30
5	HFC: Namrup-II	3.30
6	HFC: Durgapur	3.30
7	HFC: Barauni	3.30
8	RCF: Trombay-I	0.98
9	NLC: Neyveli	1.53
10	DIL: Kanpur	7.22
11	FACT: Cochin-I	3.30